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(54) PRODUCTION OF ANTISLIPPING FOOTWEAR SOLE

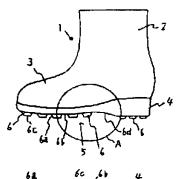
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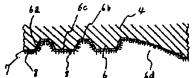
PURPOSE: To synergistically enhance an antislipping effect by applying an adhesive agent layer on the ground contact surface of the footwear sole and bringing short. fibers or fine grains into collision against the adhesive agent layer by an electrostatic flocking method thereby froing the fibers or grains.

CONSTITUTION: Boots 1 made from PVC are molded by a slush molding method. The boots 1 consist of a body part 2, an upper part 3 and a sole part 4 as the footwear sole. An antislipping design 6 consisting of rugged patterns is applied on the ground contact surface 5 of the sole part 4. This sole part 4 is coated with the adhesive agent over the entire surface thereof. A solvent type of a polyester urethane adhesive agent is used for the adhesive agent and is uniformly applied by spraying on the ground contact surface 5 to form the thin adhesive agent layer 7. After this adhesive agent layer 7 is applied, the short fibers 8 consisting of glass fibers are brought into collision against the adhesive agent fayer by the electrostatic flocking method, by which the short fibers are fixed and implanted. The short fibers 8 are implanted approximately perpendicularly to the coated surface of

the adhesive agent layer 7, side wall surfaces 6a and the upper base surfaces 6b, lower base surfaces 6c and recessed surfaces 6d.

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防滑性履物底の製造法

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劽 細

1. 発明の名称

防滑性履物底の製造法

- 2. 特許請求の範囲
 - (1) 履物底の接地面に接着剤層を施し、抜接着剤 層に短線維又は微細粒を静電植毛法により衝突 させて固着させることを特徴とする防滑性履物 底の製造法。「
 - (2) 短線維又は微幅粒がプライマー処理を施され ていることを特徴とする請求項(1)記載の防滑性 履物底の製造法。
- 3. 発明の詳細な説明

[産業上の利用分野]

・本発明は、防滑能を有する履物底の製造法に関 する。.

特に、本発明は、射出成形やスラッシュ成形に より製造される履物底、とりわけポリ塩化ビニル などの熱可塑性樹脂により製造される履物底に防 滑能を付与させるようになした防滑性履物底の製 造法に関する。

〔従来の技術〕

一般に、短靴、長靴、サンダルなどの履物底は、 射出成形、スラッシュ成形などにより製造されて

このような成形方法で、熱可塑性樹脂、例えば ポリ塩化ビニルにより履物底を製造する場合、大 量の可塑剤が用いられる。

この大量の可塑剤は、履物底製造後、その表面 に徐々に浸出し、場合によっては表面に可塑剤の 皮膜を形成する。

このように可塑剤の皮膜が履物底の接地面に形 成されると、コンクリート面、金属面、タイル面、 氷や雪による凍結面、あるいは水や油などに覆わ れた路面などで滑り易くなり、歩行しにくくする。

また、寒冷時においては、ポリ塩化ビニル自身 の特性により硬度を増し、履物底の接地面と路面 との摩擦係数が小さくなり、更に滑り易くなる。

このため、従来、履物底の接地面にゴムを貼着 したり、金属製スパイクを埋設したり、あるいは 履物底の接地面に凹凸模様 (すなわち、凹凸意匠) を形成するなどして、履物底に防滑機能を付与する工夫が種々行われていた。

しかし、ゴムを貼着する場合や凹凸意匠を形成する場合は、製造コストが高くなる割には、防滑機能が充分でない。また、金属製スパイクを使用する場合は、コストが高くなる上、コンクリート面、金属面、タイル面では却って滑り易くなるという問題があった。

このような問題を解決すべく、最近、例えば、特開昭61-225380号公報に示されたように底面に短職権や長職権を確設して防滑機能を付与した履物底が提案されている。

[発明が解決しようとする課題]

一体に成形されたものでもよく、あるいは良靴に あっては、足を挿入する簡部や胛部と一体に成形 されたものであってもよい。

この 題物底の接地面は、平坦でもよいが、防滞性を与えるために凹凸模様を付与してもよく、この凹凸模様としては液形状や角錐、角錐台、円錐、円錐台、半球などの形状が採用され、通常の履物底の凹凸模様と同様にして履物底の全面または一部に形成される。

これらの短線維又は微細粒は、必要によりブライマー処理(補強、硬化、接着性などを向上させることを目的とした機維の薬剤による処理)をし

本発明は、上述のような従来の不都合を解消した防滑性覆物底の製造法を提供することを目的とするものである。

[課題を解決するための手段]

本発明は、前記の目的を達成するために、題物底の接地面に接着剤層を施し、該接着剤圏に短機 維又は微細粒を静電植毛法により衝突させて固分させることを特徴とする防滑性層物底の製造法に関する。

本発明において、粗物底は射出成形、スラッシュ成形、その他の成形法によりゴムやポリ塩化ビニル、ポリウレタン等の合成樹脂材料により成形されたもので、底部だけの単体の部品として成形されたものでもよいが、短靴にあっては、胛被部と

たものであってもよい。

このプライマー処理に使用する薬剤としては、 処理目的、短繊維又は微細粒の種類によって異なるが、一般には、例えばクロロブロビルトリメトキッシラン、グリシトキップロビルトリメトキッシラン、メルカプトプロビルトリメトキッシンなどのシラン系カップリング剤を挙げることができる。

履物底の接地面に施こす接着剤としては、ポリエステル系ウレタン接着剤、ポリエーテル系ウレタン接着剤、ポリエーテル系ウレタン接着剤、NR系、クロロブレン系、NBR系、SBR系などのゴム系接着剤であって、溶剤系クイブと水系タイプとがあり、いずれのタイプも計ましく使用できる。

〔作 用〕

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(実 施 例)

次に図を用いて本発明による実施例を示すが、 本発明はこの実施例に限定されるものではない。

スラッシュ成形法によりPVCを素材としたブーツ(1)を成形する。このブーツ(1)は胴部(2)と胛部(3)と履物底としての底部(4)とからなり、それらがすべて一体に無難目で成形されている。底部(4)は接地面(5)に任意の凹凸模様からなる防滑意匠(6)が施こされている。この底部(4)の接地面(5)に全面に直って接着剤を施す。接着剤は、本実施例の場合、

が全体の50%以上、好ましくは65%以上であるときは、前述の防滑作用は良好に発揮することを確認している。

また、静電値毛時の条件は、値設する短機維又は微細粒によって異なるが、一般には、10~ 100kV程度の電圧が必要である。

このようにして植設した後、短線維又は微細粒の接着強度を高める必要があるときは、履物底(4)の接地面(5)全面に更に上記の接着剤をスプレー法やディッピィング法などにより再度塗布する。

以上のようにして製造された履物底を有するブーッで冷岐區内床面に形成した凹凸状の凍結面上を

ボリエステル系ウレタン接着剤の溶剤系タイプを 適用し、これをスプレー機を用いて返接地面(5)に スプレーして均一に塗布して薄い接着剤層(7)を形成した。この接着剤層(7)は防滑意匠(6)の凹部にも 凸部にも施した。

この接着利層(7)の塗布の後、本例ではガラス機 維からなる短機維(8)を静電植毛法により、該接着 利層(7)に衝突させて、固着植設する。

静電植毛法によれば、短機維(8)は、上記の接着 対層(7) 弦布面(すなわち、防滑衰症(6) の凹部凸部 の側壁面(6 a) および上底面(6 b) 、下底面 (6 c) 、踵部とふまず部との間の凹部面(6 d))に対し略垂直に植設される。

もっとも、微細な短糠維(8)の製造上の困難ることの困な短糠維(8)のみを用意との困難ることの困難なののみを用意との困難ないのない。 はいかった 短糠維(8)ののをおった 短糠維(8)のの全部である。 このような事情から、短糠維(8)の全部である。 に値の角度の降からない。 としてのりの角度で植設された短糠維(8)のの角度で植設された短糠維(8)のある

歩行したところ、良好な防滑機能を発揮した。

また、この凹凸状凍結面上に水を流して滑路面とし、この滑路面上を上記雕物底を有するブーツで少行しても、良好な防滑機能を発揮した。
(発明の効果)

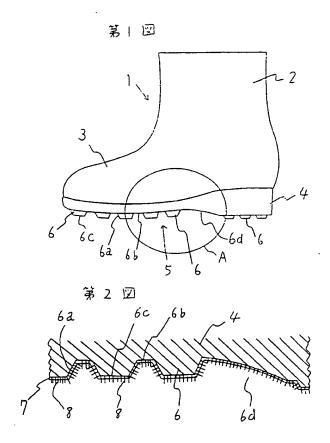
本発明においては、静電値毛法を用いるので、関物底の接地面に低コストで作業容易に作業場となる。なができ、また接地面が平坦でも凹凸面でも関わりなく、また部分的にも全面的にも容易に固着値段することができる。したがって、接地面に凹凸模様の防滑意匠を施した上で更に短機維又は微細粒

を固着植設することができるので、防滑効果を更

4. 図面の簡単な説明

第1図は本発明の一実施例により得た風物底を 有するブーツの側面図、第2図は第1図の部の拡 大断面図である。

に相乗的に高めることができる。



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SPECIFICATION

1. Title of invention

Manufacturing method for antislip footwear soles

2. Scope of patent claims

- (1) A manufacturing method for antislip footwear soles, distinguished in that an adhesive layer is applied to the ground contact surface of the footwear sole, and short fibers or fine particles are collided with said adhesive layer by electrostatic flocking to secure them thereto.
- (2) A manufacturing method for antislip footwear soles as set forth in claim (1), distinguished in that the short fibers or fine particles are treated with primer.

3. Detailed description of the invention

(Field of industrial application)

The present invention relates to manufacturing methods for footwear soles having antislip characteristics.

In particular, the present invention relates to a manufacturing method for antislip footwear soles whereby antislip characteristics are imparted to the soles of footwear made by injection molding or slush molding, especially to the soles of footwear made from thermoplastic resins such as polyvinyl chloride.

(Prior art)

In general, the soles of footwear such as shoes, boots and sandals are made by injection molding, slush molding and the like.

When manufacturing footwear soles out of thermoplastic resin, for instance polyvinyl chloride, by such molding methods, large quantities of plasticizer are used.

These large quantities of plasticizers gradually seep out to the surface of the footwear sole after manufacturing, sometimes forming a plasticizer film over the surface.

If a plasticizer film is formed over the ground contact surface of a footwear sole in this manner, it makes it easy to slip on concrete surfaces, metal surface, tile surfaces, surfaces frozen with ice

and snow, path surfaces covered with water, oil, etc., and the like, making walking difficult.

Furthermore, when it is cold, polyvinyl chloride increases in hardness due to its own properties and the coefficient of friction between the ground contact surface of the footwear sole and the path surface decreases, making it even easier to slip.

Consequently, in the prior art, various means have been devised to impart antislip characteristics to the soles of footwear, such as gluing rubber to the ground contact surface of footwear soles, embedding metal spikes therein, or forming rugged patterns (*ie* rugged designs) on the ground contact surface of footwear soles.

However, when gluing rubber or forming a rugged design, the antislip characteristics are not adequate in relation to the increased manufacturing costs. Furthermore, when using metal spikes, there has been the problem that, in addition to the higher costs, it actually makes it easier to slip on concrete surfaces, metal surfaces and tile surfaces.

To resolve such problems, recently, footwear soles have been proposed to which antislip characteristics are imparted by flocking short fibers or long fibers onto the surface of the sole, as presented for instance in Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication S61-225380. (Problem to be solved by the invention)

However, the footwear soles presented in the aforementioned Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication are made by mixing short fibers into a material such as rubber, and rolling it and arranging the short fibers in the direction of shear stress to form a sheet. Multiple plies of this are cut orthogonal to the direction in which the fibers are arranged, are filled into a mold such that this cut surface will become the antislip surface and are molded by vulcanization to obtain the sole material, the ground contact surface of which is buffed to remove the rubber part and cause the ends of the short fibers to protrude. However, buffing can easily remove not only the rubber part but also the short fibers themselves, so the buffing operation would require technical skill, and furthermore, the buffing operation would produce dust and contaminate the workplace, leading to the problem of adverse effects on the health of the workers, and moreover, could easily lead to high manufacturing costs due to the need for the troublesome operation of stacking and cutting multiple plies of rolled thin sheets. Furthermore, since the cut surface was made into the ground contact surface, that ground contact surface would have to be made into a planar configuration, thus making it difficult to at the same time apply a rugged design having antislip properties to the ground contact surface.

The objective of the present invention is to provide a manufacturing method for antislip footwear soles which resolves the problems of the prior art as described above.

(Means of solving the problem)

The present invention relates to a manufacturing method for antislip footwear soles distinguished in that, in order to achieve the aforesaid objective, an adhesive layer is applied to the ground contact surface of the footwear sole, and short fibers or fine particles are collided with said adhesive layer by electrostatic flocking to secure them thereto.

In the present invention, the footwear sole is molded from rubber or synthetic resin materials such as polyvinyl chloride or polyurethane by injection molding, slush molding or other molding methods, and while it may be molded as an individual component consisting only of the sole part, in the case of shoes, it may also be molded integrally with the instep part, or in the case of boots, it may also be molded integrally with the cylindrical part through which the foot is inserted and with the instep.

The ground contact surface of such a footwear sole may be flat, or it may be given a rugged pattern to provide antislip properties; for this rugged pattern, a wave shape or various shapes such as a pyramid, truncated pyramid, cone, truncated cone or sphere is used, and it is formed either over all or part of the footwear sole in the same manner as for the rugged pattern of conventional footwear soles.

Onto the ground contact surface of the footwear sole, regardless of whether it is a flat surface or a rugged surface, an adhesive is applied to the surface to which short fibers are to be secured. The short fibers or fine particles are collided with that surface by electrostatic flocking to secure

them thereto. These short fibers or fine particles include glass fibers, metal fibers, nylon, kevlar and other synthetic fibers, cotton, hemp, wool and other natural fibers and ceramic fibers, or fine powders made by powdering rubber or hard or soft synthetic resin molded products, as well as leather powder and crushed ceramic powder, or sands such as metal sand or quartz sand.

If necessary, these short fibers or fine particles may also be treated with primer (treated with chemical agents used on fibers for the purpose of strengthening, hardening and increasing adhesiveness and the like).

The chemical agents used in this primer treatment differ depending on the purpose of treatment and the type of short fiber or fine particles, but general examples include silane coupling agents such as chloropropyltrimethoxysilane, glycidoxypropyltrimethoxysilane and mercaptopropyltrimethoxysilane.

For the adhesive applied to the ground contact surface of the footwear sole, there are polyester urethane adhesives, polyether urethane adhesives, and NR, chloroprene, NBR, SBR and other rubber adhesives, including both solvent type and water type, either of which can be favorable used. (Function)

According to the present invention, electrostatic flocking is used as the means of securing and flocking short fibers or fine particles onto the ground contact surface of the footwear sole, so for the footwear sole, it allows one to employ all sorts of sole materials molded by methods known in the prior art, as well directly employing sole materials that have already been formed integrally with the instep or tops, and to perform electrostatic flocking thereon to easily secure and flock short fibers or fine particles either partially onto areas which need to be flocked or over the entire surface, without the need for skilled technique on the part of the workers of the sort involved in conventional buffing of the ground contact surface, where the fibers are to be left behind and only the rubber part is to be removed by buffing, and without contamination by dust due to buffing. Furthermore, by using electrostatic flocking, it is possible to flock without irregularities regardless of whether the flocked area is flat or rugged, and thus, if an antislip design consisting of an arbitrary rugged pattern is formed in advance on the ground contact surface, the flocked short fibers or fine particles will be secured and flocked according to the rugged shaped of that rugged pattern, making it possible for the manufactured footwear sole to have a synergistic antislip effect combining the antislip effect due to the short fibers or fine particles with the antislip effect due to the antislip design consisting of a rugged pattern.

(Examples of embodiment)

Next, an example of embodiment according to the present invention is presented using drawings; the present invention is however not limited to this example of embodiment.

A boot is molded by slush molding using PVC as the raw material. This boot (1) consists of a top (2), an instep (3) and a sole (4) as the footwear sole, all of which are integrally and seamlessly molded. The sole (4) has an antislip design (6) consisting of an arbitrary rugged pattern applied to the ground contact surface (5). An adhesive is applied over the entirety of the ground contact surface (5) of the sole (4). For the adhesive, in the case of the present example of embodiment, a solvent type of polyester urethane adhesive is used, which is uniformly coated over said ground contact surface (5) by spraying using a sprayer to form a thin adhesive layer (7). This adhesive layer (7) is applied both to the concave and the convex parts of the antislip design (6).

After applying this adhesive layer (7), short fibers (8), which in the present example consist of glass fiber, are collided with said adhesive layer (7) by electrostatic flocking to secure and flock them thereon.

By using electrostatic flocking, the short fibers (8) are flocked substantially perpendicular to the surface onto which said adhesive layer (7) was applied (ie, the side wall surface (6a), upper bottom surface (6b) and lower bottom surface (6c) of the concave and convex parts of the antislip pattern (6) and the surfaces of the concave area (6d) between the heel and the shank).

However, due to difficulties in manufacturing of the fine short fibers (8), it is actually not possible to prepare only straight fibers, so bent ones will generally be found mixed among them. Furthermore, there is some dispersion in the timing with which the short fibers (8) collide with the

adhesive layer (7). Due to such circumstances, all the short fibers (8) will not necessarily be flocked in a substantially perpendicular manner. Now, assuming a strictly perpendicular angle is 90°, and taking the range of angles of 90° to 75° as being substantially perpendicular in a sense which takes into consideration dispersion and the like, it has been confirmed that the aforementioned antislip effect is favorably achieved when the proportion of the number of short fibers (8) flocked at an angle within said range is 50% or more of the total, or preferably, 65% or more.

Moreover, it is possible to use short fibers (8) of a non-uniform length. In this case, areas not flocked with fibers may appear at the periphery of areas flocked with the relatively longer ones of the short fibers (8), and the phenomenon may be observed whereby the relatively shorter ones of the short fibers (8) will be flocked perpendicularly, diagonally and in random directions at the edges of said non-flocked areas. Even if such a phenomenon occurs, just as in the case described above, it has been confirmed that, assuming a strictly perpendicular angle to be 90°, the aforesaid antislip effect is good so long as the proportion of short fibers (8) flocked at an angle ranging from 90° to 75° is within the aforesaid range.

Moreover, the electrostatic flocking conditions differ depending on the short fiber or fine particles being flocked, but generally require a voltage of about 10 to 100 kV.

After flocking in this manner, if there is a need to increase the strength of adhesion of the short fibers or fine particles, the aforementioned adhesive is again applied to the entirety of the ground contact surface (5) of the footwear sole (4) by spraying, dipping or the like.

Good antislip performance was exhibited when walking in boots having a footwear sole manufactured as described above on an uneven frozen surface formed over the floor inside a freezer.

Furthermore, even when a slippery path surface was made by spilling water over this uneven frozen surface, good antislip performance was exhibited when walking over this slippery path surface in boots having the aforementioned footwear sole.

(Effect of the invention)

In the present invention, by using electrostatic flocking, it is possible to secure and flock short fibers or fine particles onto the ground contact surface of footwear soles at low cost by a simple operation and without workplace contamination, regardless of whether the ground contact surface is a flat or rugged surface, and it is furthermore possible to easily secure and flock either partially or over an entire surface. Thus, it is possible to secure and flock short fibers or fine particles in addition to applying a rugged patterned antislip design onto the ground contact surface, thus allowing the antislip effect to be further increased synergistically.

4. Brief description of the drawings

Figure 1 is <u>a</u> side view of a boot having a footwear sole obtained according to an example of embodiment of the present invention; Figure 2 is an enlarged sectional view of Figure 1.

- 4 Sole
- 5 Ground contact surface
- 6 Antislip design
- 7 Adhesive layer
- 8 Short fibers

Figure 1

`[see source for drawing]

Figure 2

[see source for drawing]